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FOR THE AMBASSADOR FROM EAGLEBURGER

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: MOSCOW SIGNAL FACT SHEET AND PRESS GUIDANCE

REF: (A) MOSCOW 10628 (B) STATE 166451 (C) MOSCOW 10678

1. APPRECIATE FACT THAT YOU HAVE ACCOMPLISHED DISTRIBUTION
IN MOSCOW SO EXPEDITELY PER REFTEL B; WE ARE WORKING ON
DISTRIBUTION PROCEDURES HERE AND AT OTHER POSTS ABROAD BUT
I EXPECT OUR MACHINERY WILL BE SOMEWHAT MORE CUMBERSOME AND
A BIT SLOWER THAN YOUR OWN.

2. (REF A) ADMINISTRATIVELY CONTROLLED FACT SHEET IS, AS
WE DISCUSSED EARLIER DESIGNED TO MEET LEGITIMATE EMPLOYEE
NEEDS IN DISCUSSING THIS ISSUE WITH PRIVATE FAMILY
PHYSICIANS OR IN RELATED MEDICAL CONSULTATION. WE HAVE RE-
PEATEDLY INDICATED THAT OUR PRIMARY CONCERN AND OBJECTIVE
IS TO THESE EMPLOYEES AND THEIR DEPENDENTS IMMEDIATELY
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AFFECTED BY SIGNAL. I SEE ABSOLUTELY NO LEGITIMATE NEED

FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF THIS DOCUMENT PER SE TO RELATIVES
NOT EXPOSED TO OR DIRECTLY AFFECTED BY THE SIGNAL.
NATURALLY, HOWEVER, WE UNDERSTAND THE CONCERNS OF PARENTS
AND OTHER RELATIVES AND EXPECT THAT EMPLOYEES WILL INFORM
THEM OF THE SALIENT POINTS ADDRESSED IN THE NEW FACT SHEET.
EMPLOYEES, HOWEVER, ARE NOT REPEATEDLY AUTHORIZED TO PRO-
VIDE "COPIES" OF THIS DOCUMENT TO RELATIVES IN THE U.S.

3. GUIDANCE PROVIDED REF B SHOULD BE USED ON
IF ASKED BASIS. WE ARE PROVIDING BY SEPTEL TRANSCRIPT
OF JULY 7 NOON BRIEFING. NATURALLY YOU ARE AUTHORIZED
TO DRAW ON ALL OF FUNSETH'S ON THE RECORD COMMENTS ON AN
IF ASKED BASIS. PER REF C, THERE IS NO OBJECTION TO
SUGGESTED REPLIES IN PARA TWO. FYI: SUBSEQUENT TO TO-
DAY'S BRIEFING WE CONFIRMED THAT HIGHEST TYPICAL MAXIMUM
LEVEL RECORDED WAS "CLOSER TO 20 MICROWATTS PER SQUARE
CENTIMETER" AND THAT MAJOR REDUCTION IN SIGNAL STRENGTH
HAS OCCURRED "DURING THE PAST FEW MONTHS." END FYI.

4. SINCE RELEASE OF FACT SHEET APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN ONE
OF THE MAJOR CONCERNS OF YOUR STAFF, I WOULD APPRECIATE
AT SOME POINT YOUR EVALUATION OF HOW THE RELEASE OF THIS
DOCUMENT HAS AFFECTED EMBASSY MORALE AND THE GENERAL
ENVIRONMENT.

5. WARM REGARDS. KISSINGER

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